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Foul weather, football turf delay new track

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern's men's and women's outdoor track and field teams have been without a track to practice on for almost a year now. Construction on the track was delayed, in part, by uncooperative weather and delays to the improvement of the football field.

"Naturally it has been frustrating," said Tom Rutledge, men's head coach. "We lost our track for last year's conference meet and ended up finishing third in the conference. When you don't have the facilities, it makes it difficult to train, and training is the key to any successful situation."

"It has presented somewhat of a hardship," said Patty Vavra, women's head coach.

Although the current situation with the track has proved to be the source of some frustration for both teams, they also know that when the construction reaches completion, they will have one of the top facilities in the area to practice and hold competitions on.

"We are going to have an awesome outdoor track," Rutledge said. "It's just getting to that point that is the main thing right now. It's going to be a fabulous track — one of the best tracks in the country."

Sallie Beard
Athletic Director

Both coaches think that their players have been understanding throughout the ordeal, even though it is their training that is most affected by the lack of the facilities.

"They've done a great job of understanding the situation," Vavra said. "And we've been able to get some alternate sites for training a few days a week."

For now, the Lions have been practicing at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center and at Thomas Jefferson Day School, alternating between the two sites.

One of the features that makes Southern's new track unique is that it will have what is called a "full pour," meaning the full depth of the material is polyurethane and rubber.

"It's going to be a fast track," Rutledge said.

"When you start seeing it all come together, as it is now, it is very exciting," Vavra said.

"If we wanted a cheap track, we could have had it done sooner," said Sallie Beard, athletic director. "We could have had instant gratification, and then in six or eight years we would have had to turn around and put a lot of money back into it. This track will serve us well for 15 to 20 years."

"It's been tough," Rutledge said. "But there are a lot of positive things involved, too. And if you keep a positive state of mind, then you can make it work."

YOU'RE OUT

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Kami Weston is tagged out at second base during the first game of a doubleheader against Northeastern State University April 1 at Gene Wild Field. The Lions split the doubleheader with NSU 4-3 and 1-2. The next home game will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday against Washburn University.

Program teaches children sports skills in summer

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

Staying fit throughout life is the name of the game.

Missouri Southern will be hosting its ninth-annual Children's Lifetime Sports Academy June 7-10.

"It provides an opportunity for children in the area to teach them lifetime skills," said Dr. Pat Lipira, head of the department of kinesiology. "It promotes an excitement in them that they'll want to continue to play those skills and improve on them."

Lipira said this camp is different from a sports camp.

"Kids that are not highly skilled are not typically comfortable in those kinds of camps because they feel like maybe they're not good enough to participate," she said.

With this camp, children do not have to have skill to participate.

"We just want them to play," Lipira said. "It is not about winning and losing; it's not about competition."

Lipira came up with the idea for the Lifetime Sports Academy when her nephew went to one at Missouri Western State College. She said he was excited about the camp.

"I recognized at that point in time that was something we needed to do down here," she said. "I pretty much used that as a guide. I began to get the literature on it and decided it was something that we could pursue down here."

Patty Vavra, women's track and field head coach, and Lipira are co-directors of the Lifetime Sports Academy

Last year, 90 children participated in the camp. It was also this first year the camp offered fishing.

"They were really excited about that (the fishing)," Lipira said.

This year, Lipira said close to 100 children would participate in the camp.

The children not only participate in activities on campus, but at other facilities, too.

"We began to get some sponsors, which helped a lot," Lipira said.

For the program, they use Range Line Golf, Bowl East and Walter Woods Conservation Area.

Susan Flowers, senior physical education major, has volunteered for the camp as a counselor for the

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Students aid low-income taxpayers

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

If there's anyone who has yet to submit his or her taxes to the federal and state government, help is available, and, it's free.

Seven students from the accounting department at Missouri Southern have been earning course credit by helping lower-income individuals file their tax returns at Northpark Mall.

"It benefits the community and the students," said Dr. David Smith, associate professor of accounting. "It gives them a chance to do real world accounting work, and it's not in a textbook."

Two tax preparations organizations, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly, have been stationed at the mall since the first week in February. Southern and VITA have had a working relationship for about 10 years. Both parties agree the internship program has been a success.

"The students are excellent," said Karen Blades, a volunteer who has helped the organizations file more than 1,800 returns this tax season.

David Torres, senior accounting major, has participated in the internship program with VITA and Southern for three years.

"For my accounting major, I think it's very beneficial to see how the tax process works," Torres said. "I think it's great."

Although the tax preparation services are free to the public, there are a few restrictions. There's no set income level requirement, however, a majority of the people seeking assistance are in the lower end of the income bracket. Volunteers also see a great deal of people who are disabled and are unable to file their own taxes.

"Everyone wants to help someone out," said Margaret Hughlett, volunteer site coordinator. "That's why we're here."

Hughlett said she has been impressed with the Southern students who have worked at the tax site over the past couple of months.

"They just pitched right in," Hughlett said. "They didn't have any questions — I guess they've been trained well over at the school."

Smith said a majority of the students have logged in several additional hours of work that's required for internship credit. Eighteen credits are needed, but, several students have been putting in 20-25 hours.

Seeing all of the hard work from the

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

Rainy

High: 48
Low: 36

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 57
Low: 32

ONLINE

Click on the online edition of *The Chart* at www.thechartonline.com

Question of the week:
Which league will dominate Major League Baseball this year?

Chart repeats Best In State

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Chart was named "Best In State" at the Missouri College Media Association's annual convention on April 3, 2004, held at the Sheraton City Center, St. Louis.

This marks the sixth time *The Chart* has received the award. Previous years include 1994, 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2003.

Campus newspapers from 28 colleges and universities in Missouri competed at this year's convention.

A team of judges selected the "Best In State" recipient from among the Best Overall Winners in the four divisions.

Judges comments included: "Spectacular paper that would do well in any competition – college or pro."

Items submitted for competition came from issues published during the spring and fall 2003 semesters under the direction of Jerry Manter, editor-in-chief for 2003-2004, and Allison Rosewicz, editor-in-chief for 2002-2003.

The Chart and its staff also received 20 individual awards in Division II. *The Chart* also won the Sweepstakes award based on the placing of the individual entries.

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past two years.

"(I) plan to help again this summer," Flowers said. "It has been a great experience for me as I prepare to teach physical education, and I love watching the children have fun trying new things."

Flowers's daughter, Sarah, has participated in the camp for two years and will be participating this year.

"She is very excited and has been talking about it for months," she said. "It is hard to get her to pin down what she liked best about the event, although I know she really likes the opportunity to play racquetball."

Flowers said the variety, enthusiastic counselors and positive atmosphere attract her daughter to the camp.

Lipira said parents love the camp.

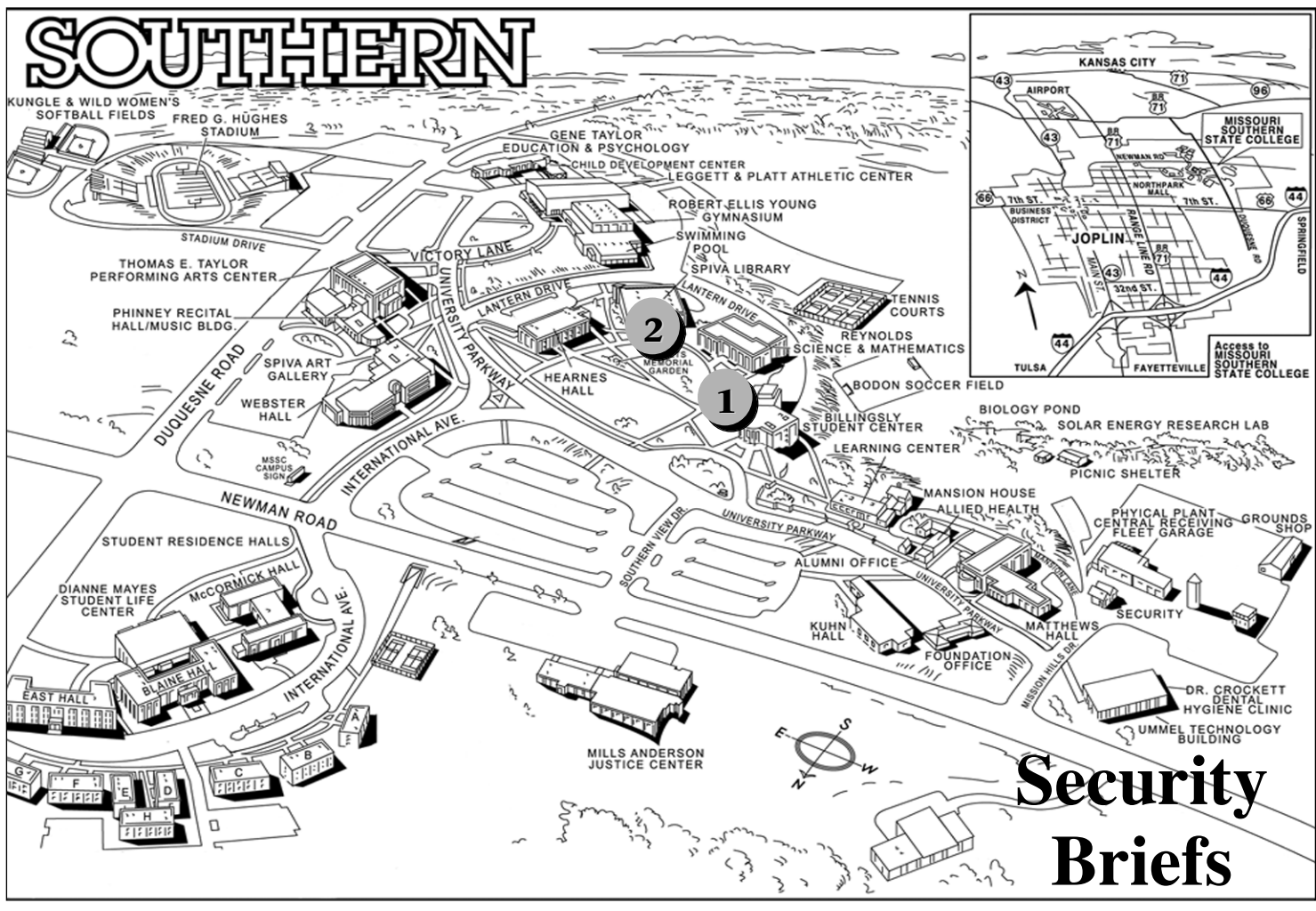
"We get the requests to do it all summer," she said. "We get the requests to do it all day. For example, we teach them Frisbee, and they (children) go home and ask mom and dad if they can go buy a Frisbee. Probably one of the most rewarding things we get out of it is they are wanting to do these things when they leave us."

The cost to participate in the camp is $65. There is a $10 discount if the child is a child or grandchild of a faculty or staff member of Southern.

To receive a copy of the registration form, go to the program's Web site at www.mssu.edu/kin/sportsacademy.htm and download a form or call the kinesiology department at 625-9316. Registration can also be one online.

The deadline for pre-registration is June 1.

For information, contact the kinesiology department, Lipira at 625-9573 or Vavra at 625-3063.



Security Briefs

Security advises solicitors to obtain permission

1 Information

4/01/2004

10:50 a.m.

Two security officers responded to a report of solicitation by several people in front of the library on the oval. The individual stated they were handing out cards for the Dioko Coffee House.

Security advised them that solicitation was illegal on campus, but they could contact the manager of DPS if they thought they should be given permission to continue.

Several of the individuals were students at Ozark Christian College.

2 Information

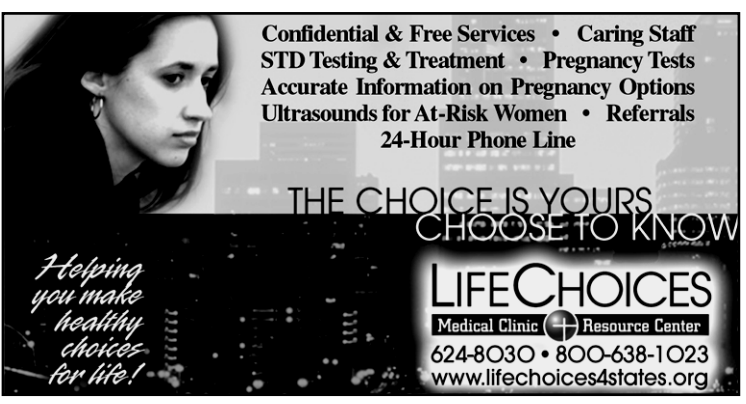
4/01/2004

11:31 a.m.

Security was dispatched to the front of The Billingsly Student Center for a reported solicitor. The solicitor advised that he was circulating a petition for a company for an initiative to the upcoming election.

Security advised the subject that without written permission he was not allowed to continue and advised him that he would have to contact the manager of DPS to obtain it. The subject left and obtained written permission.

Security briefs are compiled from Missouri Southern Department of Public Safety reports.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Campus Calendar

Debate squad competes at WIU, warms up at TSU competition

The Missouri Southern Speech and Debate Squad took part in the Truman State University Speech and Debate tournament March 26-28. A total of 29 debaters from 14 schools representing nine states took part in the competition.

On March 28, Wes Carrillo, junior political science major, and Jeremy Hollingshead, senior marketing major, qualified for elimination quarterfinals rounds. Carrillo lost in the quarterfinal. Hollingshead went to the final round where he lost a 2-1 decision. TSU serves as the warm-up tournament for the National Forensic League Collegiate National Championships in April.

The speech and debate squad next heads to Western Illinois University, April 14-19 looking to improve its second place team performance at last year's national championships. Hollingshead, who won a national championship in Lincoln-Douglas Debate last year, hopes to repeat his performance this year.

WVI founder speaks April 13 at 15th annual Boylan Lecture

The 15th annual Helen S. Boylan Lecture has been set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium. The speaker is Terrill Petri, the founder of Women Vision International. Petri has dedicated almost two decades to improving the lives of people living in poverty.

Petri encountered poverty on a regular basis when she worked for a child sponsorship organization as a writer and traveled throughout the world, interviewing families and researching programs that had the greatest impact on the lives of the poor. Later, when she formed her own marketing company, her clients included the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, a child sponsorship organization that works with economically deprived communities in 20 countries.

As a result of experiences, Petri began to visualize an international network of women helping women. In 1993, her dream became reality as Women Vision International was born. She now serves as CEO of the nonprofit organization and contributes to its many teams.

While at Missouri Southern, Petri will be available to meet with classes to visit informally with students. The Helen S. Boylan Foundation and the Social Science Department sponsor the Boylan Lecture.

KGCS gains new Mediacom deal, starts airing in McDonald County

Television viewers in Carl Junction, Duquesne, Diamond and 16 other regional communities will be able to see programming from Mediacom cable programming from KGCS for the first time starting this month.

The additional coverage brings KGCS into McDonald County for the first time. Mediacom customers will be able to see the station on cable Channel 77. KGCS carries the America One Network programming, which includes classic western films and television programs. It also airs programming from The Sportsman Channel, featuring hunting and fishing shows. The station has been the local affiliate for the St. Louis Cardinals since 1988.

KGCS operates as a service of the department of communication and foreign languages.

College Heights Christian Church sponsors area worship service

College Heights Christian Church is sponsoring a community wide worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The service is being called "The Event."

For information call 624-6915.

SPEAK speakers talk on campus at noon April 21 in BSC lounge

Speakers from Peace Network of the Ozarks about Project for the New American Century, a conservative think-tank will be giving a presentation sponsored by Students Peace Education Action Knowledge. The presentation will be at noon April 21 in Billingsly Student Center's second floor lounge.

For information contact SPEAK at speak_mssc@yahoo.com.

Final Brown Bag Lunch of year compares culture, education

The final Brown Bag Lunch for the spring semester will be presented by Dr. Vikki Spencer, associate professor of teacher education. The presentation will be "Comparative Education and Cultures: Italy."

The presentation will start at 12:10 p.m. April 16 in Billingsly Student Center, Room 310 and will conclude at approximately 12:50 p.m. The lunch is free to those attending the Brown Bag session.

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NICE RETURN

Adam Fast/The Chart

Crystal Stacci, sophomore studio art major, plays table tennis in the Student Life Center April 7. Students can play table tennis and other activities, such as pool and air hockey, at the Student Life Center.

Senate hosts final semester meeting

By Nate Billings
International Editor

Student Senate held its last business meeting of the academic year April 7.

The meeting marked the final Senate meeting for Senate President Zack Odem and Senator Andrew McGowen, senior mass communications major.

Odem thanked his fellow senators in his weekly president's report.

"I've really enjoyed being on Senate," he said. "It's been really interesting to see the transition in Senate over the years I have been on it."

McGowen also thanked the other senators.

"I'll miss all of you guys," McGowen said.

During the meeting, five organizations were allowed to come to the floor.

Odem said more than three are normally not allowed, but under the circumstances, all organizations were allowed a few minutes to address Senate.

Zack Odem
Student Senate President

Before the organizations came to the floor, Senate had a budget of $4,599 left for the rest of the semester. The budget gained $1,000 after several organizations which gained Senate appropriations failed to turn in receipts for their allocated expenses.

The first organization which came to Senate was the Ecolonomics Association.

Finance committee members recommended no money for the association because it is technically a class and not a recognized organization on campus.

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Survey asks opinion on future rec center

By T.J. Gerlach
Managing Editor

If there is not a petition going around campus, there is probably a survey.

The survey, open only to students, for the proposed campus recreation center has been online since March 29 and will be there through Friday.

"We were shooting for 400 [students taking the survey]," said Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation.

Fullerton said as of the morning of April 6, 279 students had filled it out.

The survey was developed by Brailsford and Dunlavey, a facility planning company out of Washington, D.C.

Fullerton said the company based the survey on surveys it had done for other campuses across the country but included some questions specifically for Missouri Southern's survey, such as questions about the center's location, hours and programs or activities that would be offered. People from Southern only proofread the survey, at which time they asked only for one additional question concerning funding for the center.

Fullerton said Brailsford and Dunlavey looked at a survey done by Student Senate and the psychology department four years ago when the idea was first proposed.

"I thought [the survey] was made pretty well," said Daniel Horner, junior health promotion and wellness major.

Horner said students could say whether or not they want the facility and there was a place at the end to add comments. To get students interested in taking the survey, a giveaway was planned as an incentive.

"That was based on the recommendation from the architect," Fullerton said.

"If you don't have some incentive, people won't fill out a survey."

A DVD player and two $50 gift cards to the campus bookstore will be given away after the survey concludes.

Horner said he took the survey because he thinks Southern needs a recreational center.

"I would have taken it anyway," Horner said. "But I thought it was a good incentive for other people."

Fullerton said the names for the giveaway are kept in a separate database from the survey responses themselves, so students would not have to worry about their responses affecting their chances of winning one of the prizes.

After the survey ends, the winning names will be drawn and sent to Fullerton, who will contact the winners.

Fullerton said the survey is a preliminary step and after the results come back in about a week they will be sent to the Board of Governors.

"The response has been pretty favorable," he said.

"Fees are always a concern, but they've (students) been supportive. I just hope students get out and vote."

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Students pick roommates early

By Monique Jamerson
Staff Writer

On-campus students will no longer have to worry about who their roommates will be for the semesters to come.

On April 5, student housing held a placement fair for students to choose their roommates before summer vacation.

The placement fair allowed students to choose their roommates and become acquainted with them.

Placement for housing will no longer be based on class rank.

For incoming freshmen, the plan is to have them placed with a roommate the day the student arrives at Fresh Start.

Deb Gipson, director of housing, said the goal of the fair was to get housing assignments in early and give students a chance to choose whom they will room with before the next year begins.

> *"It took us about 10 and a half hours to make sure every student understood the purpose of the fair."*
>
> **Deb Gipson**
> *Director of Housing*

In preparation for the Housing Placement Fair, Gipson and three resident directors went door-to-door to every building, informing students of the fair and handing out flyers.

"It took us about 10 and a half hours to make sure every student understood the purpose of the fair," Gipson said.

Adam Griffin, resident director, introduced the new housing plan to Gipson.

Griffin, along with other resident directors, went to a conference, and this plan was one of the many sessions.

Griffin discussed the plan with Gipson, and she decided it would be a good plan.

"I liked the idea," Gipson said. "It's pretty neat."

Gipson said it will take a while to catch on, but it is worth it.

"There will be no more yellow sheets from contracts and no more letters stating who your roommate will be," Gipson said.

"The only people that will receive letters in the mail are those not yet matched, but it will only be a handful," Gipson said.

Carla Fairbanks, resident director, said the plan gives the resident directors a chance to know the students and learn a

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Chart, Crossroads receive honors

From Staff Reports

Two Missouri Southern State University editors have something to write about.

Jerry Manter, editor-in-chief for *The Chart*, and Kayla Rinker, editor for *Crossroads: The Magazine*, attended the Region 7 convention for the Society of Professional Journalists on March 27 in Kansas City. At the convention, SPJ awarded the regional Mark of Excellence Awards for student publications. Universities from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa competed for the awards.

The Chart received first place in the region for the Best All-Around Non-Daily Newspaper.

The Chart now qualifies to be considered for the national competition in September in New York City. Issues submitted for competition were from 2003.

"This is a tremendous honor," Manter said.

"To be named the best non-daily newspaper in four states means a great deal to myself and the staff."

Crossroads: The Magazine received a second place in the region for the Best Student Magazine (published more than once a year).

International Crossroads, the Cuba issue published in 2003, received third place for Best Student Magazine.

"It's an honor to be recognized by two such prestigious journalism organizations," Rinker said. "The time and energy put forth to produce a quality magazine was well worth it, not only for our own college education and laboratory experience, but for the information and entertainment of others."

In the fall of 2003, *Crossroads: The Magazine* also received a national first-place award for house ads from the Associated Collegiate Press. The ad, "For a good time call Crossroads," ran in the spring 2003 issue of the magazine.

The staff developed the concept and Andy Tevis, director of photography, designed the winning ad.

"It was actually surprising to win that award, because the ad took so little time to make," Tevis said.

"I guess it goes to show that simplicity is sometimes the best."

Editor's Column

Hypocrites should stay to themselves

Karena Wells
State News Editor

I will say before anything else that at times I can be a hypocrite. This message is for myself as well as everyone else.

Consider it a mission statement. In the past, editorials have focused on issues that question individuals ability to lead Christian lives when they make the choices they do.

I grew up in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. I learned right from wrong from my Sunday school teachers as well as my pastor. I've been baptized and confirmed. Still, I sin. I sin a lot and you know what? Sometimes I really enjoy the sin I'm committing. I know this is wrong. I ask God for forgiveness, and I try to live a more Christian life. Notice, I ask God for forgiveness. Not my peers. This is because I answer to God and to the elected government and that is all.

You may feel you are more righteous than me, but I would like you to remember who was on the cross next to my savior and who was with him that day in heaven. Yep, a thief, not a Pharisee.

I might be mistaken (I doubt it) but, in God's eyes, aren't all sins equal? You cannot tell me you have never sinned because then you would be placing yourself on the same level, as God and I believe that goes against one of the commandments.

Right now there is a lot going on in our world. People are fighting centuries-old wars, our environment is being destroyed in the name of a profit, young girls are being pimped out because they can make more that way than in sweat shops, AIDS continues to kill hundreds of people every day, our soldiers die every day defending a country who has not known peace for a long time, people continue to be raped and sexually violated and then left to wait on our slow judicial system for any kind of justice. Everywhere you look there are issues so much more important than whether you think you are more Christian than everyone else.

That is just one sinner calling someone else a sinner. Criticizing someone else's mistakes does not bump you up in the line to heaven.

I suggest this instead. Keep your hypocrisy to yourself. If you do everything, but, before you are married, you are no better than someone who is in a monotonous relationship based on love and commitment. I don't believe one is better and I don't believe one is worse.

Why not demonstrate the love and compassion that Christ so graciously showed to you? "That which you do to the least of your brothers you do to me." Hmm. Why does that sound familiar?

So, if you want to make this world better, shut your mouth, open your eyes and your heart and love and be tolerant to everyone, not just those on the first row every Sunday.

Karena Wells is the State Editor for The Chart. *Her opinions are her own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

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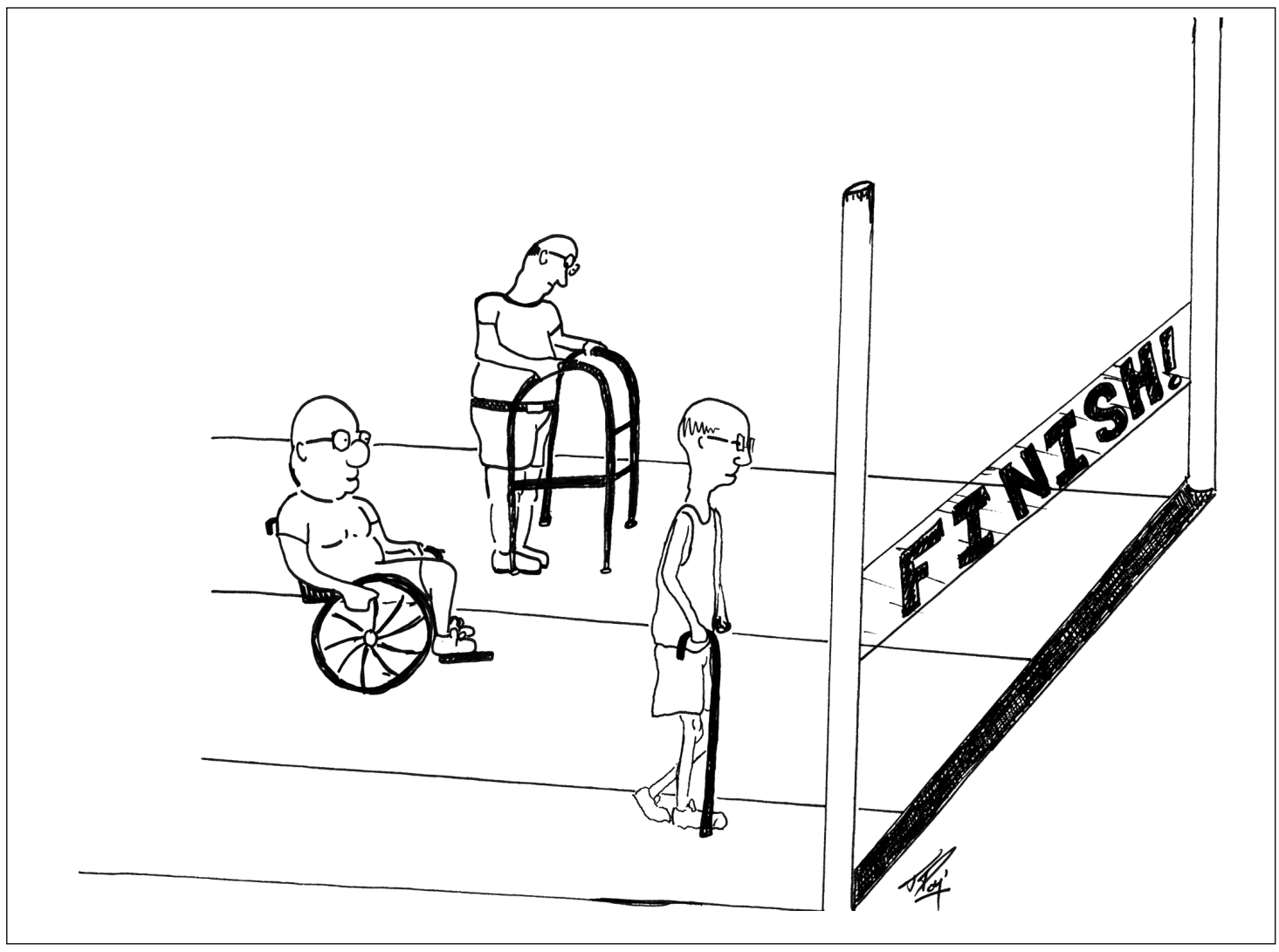


New track going nowhere

Chart Opinion

The track teams would like to take off running, but they cannot because they have no track to run on.

The Chart fully supported the updating of Hughes Stadium, but we did not know it would take this long to finish the project. The much needed updating should have been done by now, but alas it is not.

Missouri Southern should be proud of the effort put forth from the community to get the funds in on time to get this project started and underway. Southern, however, should not be proud of the track company for starting the project late.

Due to the late start, two home track meets have been canceled; two track meets that would have been important to the men's track team in winning the triple crown with the winning of the MIAA championship outdoor track. The triple crown is the MIAA championship of cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

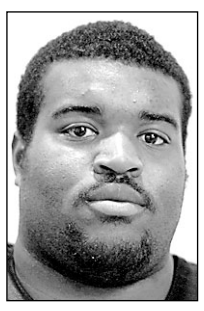
After the football turf was placed, the company laying the track was to start after the football season ended. The company did not do that. Instead, it waited to start this semester. In fact, the track was just started last month.

We are issuing a challenge to the company laying the track surface: Get it done. No one likes the fact that the track has not been finished. The coaches and players would like to use their new track before the end of the season, but unless the company laying the track gets done soon, this may not happen.

Without a new track, Southern has nowhere to run.

Campus Voice BY ADAM FAST

Is the track delay is costly to the University?



"Definitely. We've already paid for it. Plus, it takes away funds from the athletic department. The least they could do is complete the project they started."

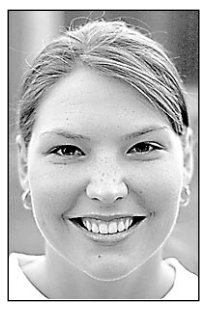
Dustin Drake
Senior
Criminal Justice/Pre-Law
Major

"Yes, because if it was anything for the basketball team I think they would have it done, but they don't look at it as that important."

Sharelle Stewart
Junior
Speech
Communication Major

"Maybe, to increase opportunity."

Yuki Morikawa
Senior
Social Welfare
Major



"Yes, I do, because I think it's taking away from their season. It's a hassle having to reschedule and everything like that."

Montana Selby
Early Childhood
Education
Major

"Once the University has committed to having the track done by track season, it should be done by track season."

Mac Kenney
Junior
History/French
Major

In Perspective

'Back our troops, 8-piece dinner only $8.99,' drive thru

Dr. Arthur Saltzman
Professor
of English

During the Gulf War, partly in deference to a Tony Orlando song from the 1970s, trees throughout our community were trussed up in yellow ribbons in remembrance of our soldiers overseas. In some neighborhoods, where church groups were especially assiduous or Boy Scout troops were especially desperate to earn badges for civic pride, the decorations were so densely displayed that one might have supposed that people were making a present of nature to themselves. Surely it would be only a matter of time before they'd be surrounding the hedges with flounces of tissue paper and boxing up the flowers in their beds. It was as if war had roused the flora to volunteer. It soon seemed that every fifth tree wore a bright sash about its middle. One might have imagined that the maples were winning advanced degrees in judo and that the samurai oaks were readying themselves for a last stand.

The return of hostilities in Iraq has inspired a new escalation of wholesome emotion on the home front in the form of an outbreak of patriotic billboard activity about town. But the business of war is still business, and that core priority has not been sacrificed to flag-waving. National allegiance and the bottom line are simultaneously promoted, leading to some strange and wonderful signage.

Check the banner above a set of ATM lanes on Range Line:

Pray for America
Drive Thru

W. H. Auden called poetry the clear expression of mixed feelings. Is the mixed expression of clear feelings any less poetic? Any less sincere? The sign suggests that our investments here and halfway around the globe are inextricably linked; banking and our backing of the war are symbiotic efforts. It also inadvertently implies that America itself is a massive drive-thru of sorts and that religious worship is best demonstrated by a road trip.

A complementary sentiment recently graced Kentucky Fried Chicken:

Back Our Troops
8-Piece Dinner
Only $8.99

American soldiers, far from their loved ones and under fire, might be sustained by the discovery that, in their absence, their families were still being fortified by the most celebrated chicken the world has ever known, complete with two sides at reasonable prices. Indeed, we may recall that KFC was responsible for defending Family Values during the Clinton scandal, mounting a campaign that combined high ethical standards with a considerable discount on a large bucket of chicken when you added quart-sized mashed potatoes and slaw. Accordingly, we should not be surprised at that company's continuing efforts on America's behalf, lifting our spirits as it satisfies our appetites. We fortify our boys by filling our bellies. Pride swells in every breast.

While it cannot compete with the Holiday Inn or the Best Western in terms of prominence or amenities, the Westwood Motel outstripped the chains when it came to poetic innovation:

God Bless America!
We're Pet Friendly!

Call it a non sequitur. Call it a *zen koan*. Regardless, the pleasurable effects of this sign are undeniable. The good people at the Westwood exhort God to love our country and our kittens together.

They console the citizenry with the promise that our heavenly reward inheres in our commitment to host and adore His creatures. There are times when war is unavoidable. When democracy is threatened, America will respond valiantly and, if

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Nursing students check out London

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Old cities offer a history and culture to students outside of the social sciences.

The nursing department sent two faculty members and nine students to London during Spring Break.

Sheila Hart, instructor of mental health nursing, and Shanna Griffiths, assistant professor of nursing, led the group.

Hart said the goals of the trip were to develop the students' knowledge of healthcare systems in different cultures.

Only junior and senior-level nursing students were allowed to attend the trip.

The students learned about the lifestyles of London as well as the health care systems.

"It wasn't just [one] different culture, but there's a huge diversity of people," said Johanna Carlson, junior nursing major.

Carlson said though there were some parts which were less enjoyable, she had a good overall experience.

She said the rain and wind were the worst parts.

"Even that (the rain and wind) we dealt with," she said.

Though the focus of the trip was on nursing, the group saw many tourist sites during its visit.

The group visited Sigmund Freud's home, the Nightingale Museum, Princess Community Clinic, Royal London Hospital, as well as the oldest operating theater in the world.

Josh Merriman, junior nursing major, said the trip gave him a better sense of the world around him.

For Merriman, the best part of the trip was going to the Speaker's Corner.

> *"It wasn't just [one] different culture, but there's a huge diversity of people."*
>
> **Johanna Carlson**
> *Junior Nursing Major*

The corner is a meeting place for persons who want to speak about topics on their mind.

"I'm an ex-philosophy major, and I was told it was fun," Merriman said.

He also noted the differences in London and American health care systems.

One difference is London's medical system is more socialistically based than the American system of medicine.

He said there are around 12 doctors for every 80,000 patients in certain clinics throughout the city.

Patients sometimes have a hard time getting in.

"You could see a doctor, but it may not be yours," Merriman said.

The group also saw the British political system in action during an urgent time.

"We saw some stirring of security after the possible terrorist attack in Madrid, Spain," Hart said.

Hart said the students received clinical hour credits of mental health nursing and family nursing courses for going on the trip

Passports travel

Joplin Main Post Office sends clerk to help students apply for official documents

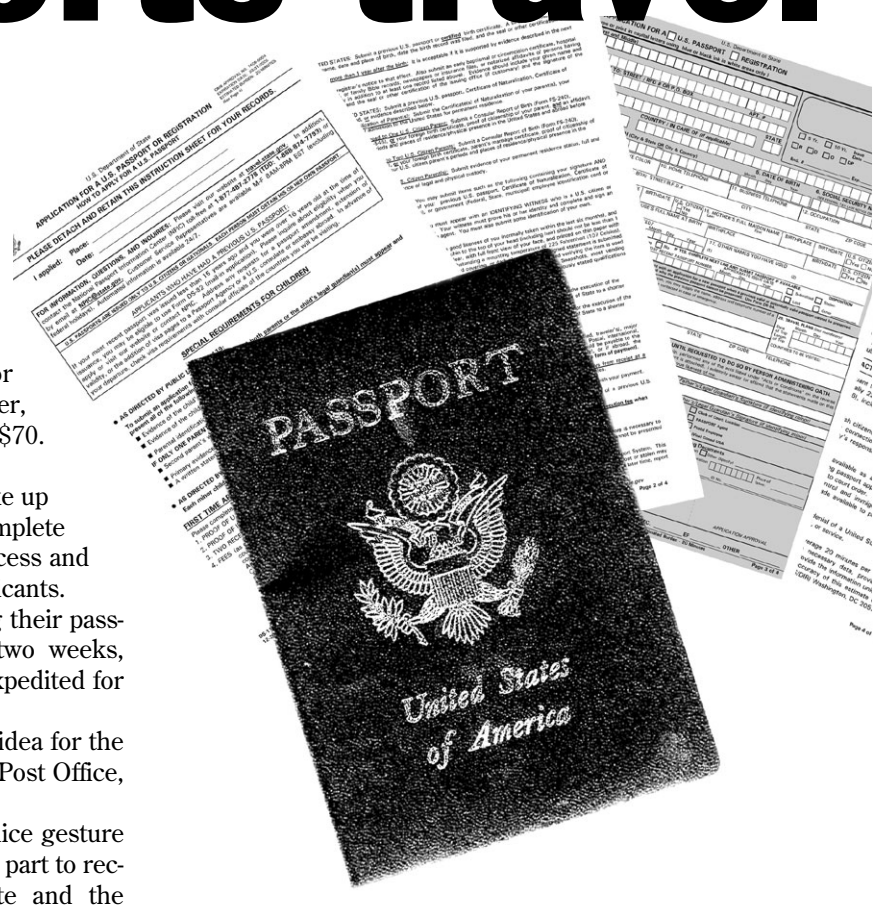

Illustration by Nate Billings/The Chart

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Leaving the country without proper identification can be both illegal and embarrassing.

The Joplin Main Post Office is making the passport application process easier for students.

The office is sending Bob Holde, passport and claims clerk, to Missouri Southern. From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Holde will be at a booth on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

"It'll be a great day," Holde said.

He will help students fill out and complete passport applications. Holde will also have a camera available for passport photos.

"This will be very convenient for our students who are going abroad and do not have a passport already," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

Persons wanting a passport must bring a state-certified birth certificate or state-certified Immigration and Naturalization certificate. A photo ID is also required. Applicants do not need to have a Social Security card on hand, but do need to know their Social Security number.

Persons under 17 years old must have a parent or guardian with proper identification present to sign the application form as well.

Passports cost $85 for those 16 and older. For those 15 and younger, passports cost $70. Photos are $16.

Passports may take up to six weeks to complete the verification process and be returned to applicants.

For those wanting their passport in less than two weeks, passports can be expedited for a fee of $87.30.

Stebbins said the idea for the day came from the Post Office, not the University.

He said it was a nice gesture on the Post Office's part to recognize the Institute and the needs of students.

"A lot of them (students) may not be aware of the passport [process and application]," said Rick Belcher, manager of the Joplin Main Post Office.

The district office out of Kansas City recently decided to promote passport applications in area colleges and universities.

By going to the institutions, the U.S. Post Office can process the passport applications before the system is full from other incoming applications.

Holde said on an average day, he may process approximately 15 applications.

Stebbins said the event may continue on an annual basis, but he said he could not predict the outcome for the first day.

The day is not limited to students. Anyone with the proper paperwork may apply. Holde said persons should bring two checks for the application fees.

Passport preparation
Applicants must have:

1. A photo ID
2. A state-issued birth certificate or IMNS papers
3. A parent's signature (if 17 and under)
4. Social Security number (no card needed)
5. Two checks

No hats or sunglasses are allowed.

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Diversions

Jump n' Jive

Adam Fast/The Chart

Brandon Pearce, above, and Tom Smith, top, both freshman secondary education majors, perform during the Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra concert on April 6.

Orchestra plays memorable concert

By Philip Martin
Executive Editor

It was a concert to remember.

The Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra performed on April 6 in Webster Hall auditorium to a near-capacity crowd. Joining the orchestra this semester was guest soloist Dr. Carl Knox from Central Connecticut State University on saxophone.

Knox and Dr. Phillip Wise, head of the music department and director of jazz studies, have known each other since the time they were in college together.

"When I went to William Penn, part of the reason I went was because Phil was down there," Knox said. "He left the year I went. When he came back that's when we became friends and began working together."

Wise said there were many reasons why he chose Knox as the guest soloist for the concert. One reason is because, Wise said, he only chooses soloists he knows or who come highly recommended.

"I'm very guarded with the people I select," Wise said. "I've known Carl for a long time and knew he would come in and do a great job working with the students."

Wise said he likes to rotate the soloists. The last time Knox performed with the jazz orchestra was five years ago. Since then the band has performed with a vocalist, trumpeter, trombonist and a percussionist. Wise decided it was time to bring a saxophonist back.

Along with Knox the concert also featured two other guests with the band. Jenni White, a senior from Webb City High School, and Dr. Paul Carpenter, Wise's and Knox's former college band director, played on "My Old Flame."

Wise said White was able to play with the band because the orchestra's baritone saxophone player, Sean Wilson, senior elementary education major, had a partial class conflict with the Tuesday afternoon practices. Tom Smith, freshman secondary education major and trumpet player, told Wise his cousin was free in the afternoon on Tuesday and Thursday and if it would be all right for her to sit in with the band to fill out the section.

Wise agreed, and when it came down to selecting songs for the concert, "My Old Flame" called for two baritone saxophone parts, Wise asked White to perform with the band.

Wise said the concert was probably the best concert he has directed at the University. Audience members agreed.

"They're always good," said Patty Garrison, Carthage resident. "They always exceed my expectations."

"I really liked it," said Misty Bradley, sophomore international studies major. "I've never been to that many jazz concerts before."

Wise said the way the orchestra played, the guest soloist and the selection of music made the concert one to remember.

CAB
Campus Activities Board

Group plans photo hunt for scavengers

By David Haut
Public Forum Editor

As the semester draws closer to a close, Missouri Southern's Campus Activities Board reconvened for another meeting.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, announced the top five candidates for next year's lectures. They are: WNBA star Sheryl Swoops, filmmaker Morgan Spurlock, Dr. Ruth, Herman Boone, (who's story inspired the Disney movie *Remember the Titans*) or a debate on gay marriage.

A deciding vote will take place soon, most likely during elections for student office elections next Monday and Tuesday in the student activities office. The top two choices will be considered for next year's speaker.

"We had a lot [of choices], but they were all out of our price range," Blackford said. "Some people complain, 'you don't bring who we want.' Well, we want them to come to our CAB meetings. Hopefully this will get us more of a student voice."

Students with other suggestions are invited to bring them to next week's CAB meeting. All ideas will be considered, however, price is always a factor.

CAB is also planning a skate-night for 8 p.m. on April 28 at Silver Wheels. The event is free to students and will run until midnight.

For the upcoming semester, the Russian band Bering Straight, is being considered to come to the University with CAB as a sponsor. CAB decided it will not sponsor the event, but will purchase tickets for students in the event the concert will be held. No final decisions have been made.

A photo scavenger hunt takes place beginning at noon on April 27. Students will pick up a camera and a list and have two days to get as far as they can. Each team must consist of at least two people. Each photo will have a different point value. The most points or first entries will be the winners. Prizes have not been announced.

"We'll probably have three places," said Derick White, senior secondary education major.

Students are invited to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Diverse Canadian band strives to bridge gap between emo, hardcore, punk

Review Corner

Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Blame Canada.

Thanks to the proliferation of Britney Spears wannabes and the death of Kurt Cobain, Seattle has ceased to be the center of the underground music hub. Southern Ontario, Canada, is the new breeding ground for innovative experimental rock music. Most notable are the fresh sounds of the melodically hardcore five-piece band Silverstein. Born from the same primordial Toronto-based soup as other breakthrough underground bands like Moneen, Grade, Somehow Hollow and Maharahj, Silverstein has a diversity missing in the mainstream emo-candy-punk currently contaminating the airwaves.

The band's debut album, *When Broken is Easily Fixed*, was created by the band members as a way of destroying the barriers socially erected between emo, hardcore and punk. The conglomeration of genres is evident and not always subtle. The vocals are everywhere — one minute it's ear-shredding European-style metal screaming, the next melodic harmonies and tearful violins. The band's strength comes from being able to scream without becoming obnoxious and emotionally singing without seeming whiny. The members convincingly pull off talking about girls without falling into the trap of self-indulgent nostalgia.

The album is undeniably hardcore with strong emo roots that are completely devoid of the pop overtones so prevalent in today's upcoming bands. "When Broken is Easily Fixed" shows the strong influence of bands like Thursday, Poison the Well, Slayer and The Get Up Kids.

The guitars range from regular throbbing, to driving and uplifting riffs. The songs on the second half of the album are surprisingly deceptive, starting out with strings and soft, sensitive lyrics, to suddenly explode into a fury of rage and frustration. Erratic rhythms mix happiness, anger and sadness in the same song, and sometimes, the same stanza.

Everything about this band and this album is surprising and not quite what you expect, even the origin of the band's name. The band was named in honor of Shel Silverstein, author of the popular children's books *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *The Giving Tree*. The band members read the books when they were young.

"When Broken is Easily Fixed" is a poignant journey of naïve boy to wiser, but defiantly unjaded, young man reacting to rejection and betrayal with cutting lyrical and vocal precision. The most popular songs on the album, "Giving Up" and "Smashed Into Pieces," epitomize the dark and morbid honesty the band expresses through its gut-wrenching songs. Silverstein is terribly effective at what it does and well worth the time spent listening to the music and picking apart the complex lyrics.

Special to The Chart

The members of the hardcore group Silverstein have been compared to Thursday and Poison the Well.

Pick this album up if you want well-balanced dish chock full of emotion with tight and well-packaged songs with just the appropriate level of melodrama. Isn't it time we had a little more diversity?

Theatre students and community members come together for Southern's latest musical based on a Shakespearean romantic comedy. For information, read the story.

Local shop offers community more than coffee

Brandi Boulware/The Chart

Nathanael Mehrins, employee, works behind the counter during a busy night at Dioko Coffee Company. Besides coffee, the shop offers fresh soups, sandwiches and salads, as well as a line of late-night sweets.

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

The new kid in town has joined the popular crowd.

Just over a year ago, the unknown and appropriately oddly named coffee shop Dioko Coffee Company appeared downtown. Since owner Dr. Larry Page opened the shop on Valentine's Day 2003, Dioko has become one of the popular hang-out spots for persons of all ages in Joplin.

In an effort to make the shop as personable as possible, Larry hired his children and some of their friends as employees. His daughter, Lauren Page, freshman undecided major, enjoys the work environment created by people her own age.

"It's fun and everybody is very friendly," Lauren said. "We're like a family."

One of the major drawing points of the coffee shop is the local quality that is sometimes lost in a larger chain store.

"It's unique to Joplin," Lauren said.

In an effort to support local culture Dioko uses works by area artists to decorate the interior. The result is positive for everyone involved. The shop serves as an impromptu gallery for upcoming local artists interested in selling their work. The coffee shop looks cutting edge and receives an economical way to constantly update its look. The public is offered some culture and diversity.

More than a coffee shop, Dioko has become a social arena vital to its surrounding community. A large open meeting room in the back is frequently used by area groups to hold functions.

Some of the local groups that have used the coffee shop for their meetings include Singles of Joplin, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce and Edison Resources. Recently there was a wedding conducted in the room. There's no initial fee for the room and the $5 minimum per person can go toward food and drinks.

Even Dioko's most popular drink reflects the sense of loyalty among the small local businesses in the downtown area. "The White Rhino," a delicious concoction of chocolate and coffee, is named after the local hair salon of the same name only a few blocks away.

"We named it after them as kind of a recognition in our fight for downtown to grow," Lauren said.

The coffee shop seems to offer something for everyone. Thursdays are "Jazz Nights," Friday nights showcase local bands of every genre and Saturdays draw crowds with open mic night and a steady stream of undiscovered local talent and bigger bands just passing through.

Besides hot and cold teas, coffee drinks, shakes and Italian sodas, Dioko also offers breakfast foods and a wide selection of fresh soups, salads and sandwiches. Late-night snacks include brownies, oversized gourmet cookies and bowls of fresh fruit. Dioko is open 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6-1 a.m. Friday, and 10 a.m.-midnight Saturday.

Brandi Boulware/The Chart

Rachel Weisensee, senior theatre major, and David Wallace, senior music major, star in the newest Southern theatre production, *Kiss Me Kate,* based on one of Shakespeare's comedies.

New musical offers students opportunity to 'pucker up'

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

Music students and actors from the community will join theatre students on stage in the latest Missouri Southern production.

Kiss Me Kate is a backstage storyline of William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, said Dr. Alex Pinkston, associate professor of theatre.

Pinkston, director of the musical, said the play is a period piece set in the 1950s. It revolves around a production of *The Taming of the Shrew* starring a divorced couple, Fred and Lilli.

"At some point in the production, Lilli decides she has to leave so that she can marry her fiancé who's a Southern politician," Pinkston said. "So Fred does all he can to keep her there."

He said the plot of the musical and the plot of Shakespeare's play involve similar situations.

"It's really interesting how the stories parallel each other," said Rachel Weisensee, senior theatre major.

Weisensee, who plays Lilli, said Lilli is a veteran actress, and her and Fred are still in love but have to deal with their egos. She said Lilli tries her best not to appear like she still loves him.

David Wallace, senior music major, plays opposite Weisensee. He said Fred is an ever-striving actor in his mid 40s who never attained the stardom he thinks he has, but he has the talent to "get him into these shows."

He said Southern's production is a "pretty straight-forward rendering of the musical" and has many "energetic" numbers in it.

"This was actually the first show I ever saw on Broadway so it's really one of my favorites," Weisensee said.

"This production is fantastic," Wallace said. "You cannot ask for a better composer than Porter. He's just got a great satirical view on especially lyrical matters."

Pinkston said about half the actors are theatre students and half music students, and some actors from the community also have parts in the musical.

"The actors are great," he said. "Highly talented."

"We have a lot of talent that fit the role," Wallace said. "It's definitely an all-together production."

Kiss Me Kate opens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium and runs until April 17. Tickets are $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and high school and non-Southern college students, $3 for faculty and staff and $2 for Southern students with their IDs and children.

"Pay attention to the plot," Wallace said, "because it'll throw you."

The production is only open to those five and older. For information or to make reservations, call 625-3190.

Funny Thing About Life...

DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

How could I get lost? The directions were so simple. Take I-44 East to St. Louis, go north on I-55, turn left, then right, stop at the big tree, go under two overpasses, over two underpasses, pass three parking lots and it's the first building on your left. How could anyone screw that up? Apparently, I'm not anyone.

My car is a 1999 Honda Civic, all standard, nothing fast, nothing furious, nothing even remotely mean. It's the perfect balance between economy and, well economy. Plus, it's a cool color.

I took it to St. Louis for a media banquet last weekend, making me glad my car didn't fall apart like I did.

I made it to St. Louis just fine, to the city that is. It took me approximately 3.2 seconds to get lost in downtown east St. Louis, the place where white guys stick out like a dorito in a bowl of pretzels. It was ok, though, I was greeted by a large group of guys who, for some reason, seemed happy to see me.

Well, by greeted, mean scared off, since that's what they did. It could have just been a misunderstanding, but I wasn't going to stick around and find out.

I found the hotel after that, but somehow I missed the giant sign that said SELF-PARK with an arrow on it. Instead I drove through the valet, around the block, and into an armored parking lot. The security guard talked to me in fluent cop jargon. He used words like parameter, sector, vacate and premises. I tried my best not to laugh, although I think I looked like I was trying to keep milk from flowing out of my nose.

The guy at the hotel was not very nice either, so I kept asking him dumb questions. I asked him where I could find the stairs, the parking lot and which floor 583 was on. He probably didn't believe I was a writer. I can't believe he gave me a key card. I wasn't even spending an entire night at the hotel.

I spent the hour in between the trip and the banquet watching TV. I drove four and a half hours to watch a soccer match.

The drive home was fun as well. We left St. Louis I drank four cans of Red Bull and had two snickers. When I paid for it the lady looked at me like I was buying cyanide. I guess they look at everybody like that at 3 a.m.

We stopped four times on the way home; my passengers had the bladders of 8-year-old girls.

We pulled into Joplin a little after 4 a.m., coming down from the three hour Red Bull high, nestled within the safety of my two door ex luxury coupe.

St. Louis was glad to see me leave.

David Haut, Public Forum Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff members.*

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

9 *The Whole Ten Yards, The Alamo, Ella Enchanted, The Girl Next Door* and *Johnson Family Vacation* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Firetheft, Saves the Day and Hey Mercedes concert @ 8 p.m. @ The Granada Theatre in Lawrence, Kan.

10 Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Coventry Sacrifice, Aftermath, Absolute and Silo concert @ 6 p.m. @ The National Guard Armory in Pittsburg.

11 Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

The Beautiful Mistake and Anatomy of a Ghost concert @ 5:30 p.m. @ The Bottleneck in Lawrence, Kan.

12 BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

13 *STOMP* musical production @ the Brady Theatre in Tulsa.

14 General all-ages extreme sports session @ 3 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

Amadeus Piano Festival concert @ 2:10 p.m. @ the Performing Arts Center in Topeka.

Bowling Championships @ Riverlanes Bowling Center in Tulsa.

15 Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

World-Fest begins @ Silver Dollar City in Branson.

A Perfect Circle and The Mars Volta concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

Weird News:

Easter Bunny whipped in church

PENNSYLVANIA — During an Easter show trying to teach about Christ, performers broke eggs, said "there is no Easter Bunny" and pretended to whip the rabbit.

Parents present said the show was inappropriate for children and described the scene as disturbing with crying children.

The church youth minister portrayed the rabbit and said it wasn't meant to be offensive, and she was just "acting silly."

http://www.thewgalchannel.com/news

Conmen use "magic" money bit

AFRICA — A strange gang has been taking residents of a small African town for a "magical" ride. One gang-member walks past a resident and smears a substance on the person. A second member warns the person the substance put a curse on their money, then offers a strange cure.

After being led to a secluded spot, the member tells the person to put all their money in an envelope on the ground and sprinkle their own urine over it. After the victim kneels with closed eyes to pray, the gang-member swaps the envelope and replaces it with an identical envelope filled with pieces of paper.

Some people in the African culture believe witch doctors can turn money into paper. The substance consisted of a harmless mix of snuff and petroleum jelly.

http://www.iol.co.za

Biographer entertains students at lecture

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

The 10th-annual Jeans Lecture in History was held April 1.

The speaker for the event was Alonzo Hamby, winner of the Herbert Hoover Book Award and the Harry S. Truman Book Award for his biography of Harry Truman titled *Man of the People: A Life of Harry S. Truman.*

Hamby is also the distinguished professor of history at Ohio University. The speech was titled "Harry Truman: Missourian and National Leader." The speech was about Truman's early career in politics.

Hamby has been the recipient of numerous awards and grants, among them are two National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships; Harry S. Truman Library Institute Senior Fellowship; Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and the Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Service Award. In the upcoming year, he will be Sackler Professor of American History at the University of Leiden.

Hamby has taught at Ohio University since 1965 and was named Distinguished Professor in 1996.

Students attending the event were able to learn something about Truman they had not known before.

"I didn't know that Truman's wife's name was Bess and that he was for the flag," said Bryndi Reynolds, freshman nursing major. "I did not know that."

David Armstrong, junior secondary education major, said he learned a lot about Truman and his life.

"I didn't know anything about Harry Truman when I came in," Armstrong said. "I would like to read [Hamby's] book now for sure."

Reynolds said she enjoyed the speaker, although she went to the event for extra credit.

"I thought he was very entertaining and very passionate about what he studied," she said.

Reynolds said it was a good idea to have Hamby for the lecture.

"A lot more people showed up, than I thought there would be," she said. "He was a very enlightening fellow."

Armstrong said he had gone to some of the Jeans Lectures in the past and has enjoyed all of them.

The Jeans Lecture in History is named in honor of Dr. Virgil and Virginia Jeans, longtime residents of Joplin.

Dr. Jeans was a well-known physician in the community. Both he and his wife followed the progress of Missouri Southern with great interest.

Following their deaths, contributions were made to the Southern Foundation.With that support, the lectures are made possible.

SENATE:

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The class would bring several area businesses to campus on April 28 to discuss their impact on the environment as a celebration of Earth Day.

After some discussion, McGowen motioned that because the class is working to improve the community, Senate should allocate $1,000.

The other senators agreed and approved the $500.

The second organization to receive funding was the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Senate allocated $273 as a reimbursement for travel expenses to a national assembly in California.

PRSSA sent one representative, Robert Moss, senior public relations major, to the assembly.

The third organization to receive funding was Alpha Sigma Alpha. Two representatives from the organization will attend a leadership convention in Naples, Fla.

Sophomore, Spanish major and senator Eric Ducummon called attention to the fact that no faculty adviser is going to oversee the two members while in Florida.

He then motioned for $300 to be allocated instead of the finance committee's recommended $1,000.

After senators discussed the matter, the motion was vetoed and another motion for $1,000 was approved.

Senate allocated the fourth organization, World Issues for Study by Educators, $1,000 after several minutes of discussion.

The organization has been tabled twice during the semester and has had several issues with Senate in past years.

"I would like to point out they have continually shown disrespect for our organization," McGowen said.

He did say, however, that the organization is worthy of receiving funds, but he wants the organization to continually follow Senate regulations for allocation requests.

The last organization to receive funding was Delta Epsilon Chi. Senate allocated $200 for the group to go to a business competition in Nashville.

Senate co-advisers Adam Griffin and Josh Doak reminded senators to fill out the recreation center survey.

"Tonight was a great meeting," Odem said.

"Student senators let their voice be heard. Tonight especially, student senators spoke their voice."

Doak and Griffin agreed.

They also thanked the graduating senators.

"I'm pleased with the professionalism of Zack and all the seniors on Senate," Doak said.

Adam Fast/The Chart

David Torres, senior accounting major, e-files tax returns.

TAXES:

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students has impressed Smith.

"It means a lot," Smith said. "It's telling me that they are seeing the benefit that they're giving to the taxpayer."

Smith said there's a possibility a tax preparation service might come to the campus next year to help students and faculty needing help.

"We're hoping to expand," he said.

Torres said he knows the internship program will help him when he graduates in May. He's hoping to work for the Internal Revenue Service some day.

"Anyone in the accounting major should do this," he said. "There are people that need help."

ROOMMATE:

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little bit about them before they move in.

"We will know who is living in our resident buildings before they come," Fairbanks said.

Students, as well as the director of housing and resident directors, were in favor of the new plan too.

Jason Givens, senior computer science major and assistant coordinator of student services, said it is a good way to get first pick.

"Students appreciate the new housing plan because they know what they are getting before leaving for the summer," Givens said.

Givens said he was worried about not knowing with whom he would live the first couple of years he was at Missouri Southern.

Moses Manga, sophomore physical education major, said he likes the plan because students can get it done right away and not have to worry about putting it off.

"I like the idea that I can room with friends and not have to worry about being stuck with someone with preferences different than mine," Manga said.

Manga said living with another athlete is good because they will have the same hours.

"This is a good thing, and I think they should continue to do it in the future," Manga said.

Gipson said the overall success of the fair was good for the first year.

"Next year it won't take as much to inform students because they will already know what to expect," Gipson said.

Housing plans to have the Placement Fair in the future with hopes of equal, or even greater, success.

DRIVE THRU:

From Page 4

necessary, with force. But if we attack, we attack humbly and in the name of love. Our resolve may be unbreakable, but our hearts are not stone. And compassion toward our furry companions evidences our virtue as much as courage on the field does.

To be sure, many public manifestations of allegiance might seem exploitative, controversial or simply in bad taste. Saddam Hussein urinal cakes enlist those of us brimming with zeal and beer to direct our forces explicitly the face of the enemy. Gruesome video games train patrons to blow away two-dimensional Arabs on the way to murdering a cartoon Osama bin Laden, causing even some parents with children in the armed services to shudder. But breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself has said, "In such a bank as that, which advertises such unassailable convictions, let us entrust our assets. In such a fast-food restaurant, let us hunger together as one. In such a hotel, let us sleep the sleep of the just."

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Universities eye research funds

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Scientific research and the ability to guarantee Missouri is able to compete with neighboring states in the quality of research on a university level was on the agenda at the house special committee on general laws, April 6.

House Speaker Catherine Hanaway (R-Warson Woods) has sponsored a bill that would allocate a portion of state funds to be used with university and private funds to bring endowed professors to Missouri's research universities.

"The ultimate purpose of this bill is to provide proper funding resources to recruit the best scientists for our public universities," Hanaway said.

Unlike some proposed bills, this one would not require bonding or the state to raise taxes in order to fund.

Twenty-five percent of the tobacco settlement money set aside by the government for life science in higher education would be used to fund this program.

Hanaway said the bill would create a system of checks and balances among the universities, private donators and the state.

Steve Lehmkuhle, vice president for academic affairs for the MU system, spoke in support of the bill.

"This is people reinvesting in people," he said.

Lehmkuhle said since 1997, MU has added 120 endowed positions, 96 of which are currently filled.

The total cost of these endowed professors has been $12 million. The amount of money brought in by these professors has been $98 million. Life science professors account for half of the endowed professors and for $72 million of the money brought in.

"There is no better way to take the state's investment and produce a higher return," Lehmkuhle said.

"Great cities need great universities," said Martha Gilliland, chancellor of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. "We don't want our investment to go to another state, for instance, Kansas."

Gilliland also noted that this would hold those in the private sector accountable, asking them to put their money where their mouth was.

She said that hiring endowed professors creates an economic engine that produces money that would otherwise not be there.

Science research, the chancellor said, creates new drugs, and that creates more money for the state.

Missourians would benefit from the increase in access to health resources.

Possible opponents of the bill questioned the total dollar the state would be responsible for.

"Doesn't the University's portion of funding come from the state as well," said Rep. Dahlman (D.J.) Davis (D-Odessa).

Gilliland said the university's portion would be taken out of the university budget, money coming from the state, tuition, miscellaneous money, and federal received by the university.

"I represent Kansas City and I can tell you first hand it is a constant battle to keep business on our side of the border," said Rep. Bryan Pratt (R-Blue Springs).

"Johnson County, Kan. is not East St. Louis."

"How many professors at UMKC are endowed," Davis said.

"What is their commitment to education, we know they get money, but do they teach?"

"They teach the same number of classes as the other professors," said Gilliland.

David Welte, a private practice attorney representing the Stowers Institute, also spoke in favor of the bill.

"The Stowers Institute sits right across the street from the University of Missouri-Kansas City," Welte said. "The institute is funded by the generous donation of $1.5 billion from Jim and Virginia Stowers, and each year two-thirds must be spent in endowments."

The institute founded in 2000, currently employees 240 with the average salary being $70,000.

Fifty percent of the $44 million operating budget of the institute is the result of the work done by the research scientists employed.

"The Stowers Institute has already generated more income than the initial donation and continues to," Welte said.

"It is a perpetually never ending endowment."

The Stowers Institute is in support of the bill because of the quality of researchers it would create.

"We cannot achieve a high level of excellence without a strong research university," Welte said.

"We need great scientists to collaborate with in order to create great science."

He said $2 million is available right now for such endowment research, as the bill would propose.

No final decision was made on the bill.

Steelman updates Mo. Sunshine Law

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Sen. Sarah Steelman (R-Rolla) went before the House special committee on general laws April 6 to answer questions and gain support for Senate Bill 1020.

The act would revise various portions of the Sunshine Law to incorporate more provisions relating to public records. It would also create greater penalties for those who violate the law.

Any one person or entity that is negligent of the law could face a fine between $25 and $1,000. Those who willfully violate the law could face even stiffer fines ranging between $1,000 and $5,000.

If found guilty, violators would also be responsible for court costs and lawyer fees for both parties.

Some of the updates to the Sunshine Law include issues pertaining to universities, public schools, as well as reclassifying what would be considered a public meeting.

Under the bill, all chancellors of universities would have to keep records of all gifts they receive.

School boards would have to record what happened in closed session.

Meetings held on conference phone calls and on the Internet would become public meetings and would have to be recorded.

The bill also gives requirements as to the maximum amount that can be charged to someone wishing to have copies of public documents.

Opponents to the bill note that it would create a lot of extra work for some of the smaller towns in Missouri.

The bill could also violate the Hancock Amendment if the state does not allow compensation to those who would be responsible for the extra work the bill would require.

Steelman said that records would not have to be kept on file for everything, but would only need to be made available if a request was made for the documents.

Doug Crews, lobbyist for the Missouri Press Association, was present to support the bill.

"It creates accountability of the government," Crews said.

He said that compared to other states, the penalties described would be minor.

"Some people are jailed for 30 days for violating the sunshine law, and in Minnesota, you can be taken off the board for violating the law," Crews said.

"The core of our complaints in the attorney general's office is that people do not know whether a closed session occurred or not," said James Klahr, assistant attorney general.

He also supported the bill.

"Missouri government is Jeffersonian, you like it weak and close to the people," said Gary Markenson, representative for the Missouri Municipal League.

He stood opposed to the bill because of the large fines that could occur, citing it would become a distraction for individuals to serve on boards.

"You are going to see a lot of people fined because they should have known and didn't," Markenson said.

Chris Straub, director of intergovernmental relations, was not against the actual bill but the amendments that had been added to it.

The committee did not reach any final decisions on the bill and will revisit it later.

EDUCATING

Karena Wells/The Chart

Rep. Rick Johnson (D-High Ridge) speaks out during the April 6 session.

Cost of tuition raises debate in Missouri House

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Hooting could be heard throughout the Missouri House of Representatives, April 6.

In order to get the attention of Rep. John Patrick Burnett (D-Kansas City), Rep. Jason Glennon Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) started hooting like an owl. When Burnett did not stop speaking, Crowell threatened to provide him with a prescription for Ritalin.

Debates continued to remain heated as the House stayed in session until midnight. One witness compared the House to a "cat fight."

The cause of the fuss was the fiscal year budget for 2005. House Bills 1001 through 1012 were presented for perfection.

House Bill 1003 dealt specifically with the higher education budget.

Many argued it would be impossible to fund higher education adequately without a tax increase.

Rep. Yvonne S. Wilson (D-Kansas City), former chancellor at Lincoln University in Jefferson City said she always hated when tuition had to be raised. She was grateful to her family and the state, which helped her get through school.

Crowell questioned Wilson as to whether or not she felt the state should pay for higher education.

Wilson said it was the responsibility of the universities to keep tuition low.

"Madame, I wish you and I could walk hand in hand and look those chancellors in the eye and ask them how dare they raise tuition," Crowell said.

"Shame on them, shame on the institutions that raise tuition."

Proponents of a tax increase said it was unfair for students to have to work full time and take out hefty student loans to pay for school when the state could provide.

"Are we going to make it to where only the wealthy can afford to go to college," said Rep. Rick Johnson (D-High Ridge).

"I would go to night class.," said Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Webb City).

"From midnight till 8 a.m. I worked as an airplane mechanic. Then I would go back to class in the morning and sleep in the afternoons. It took me eight years, but I paid for it all."

"Now, Rep. Stevenson, I look up to you as a role model like many of the other legislators." said Rep. Tom Dempsey (R-St.Charles). "I just wonder why it took you eight years to graduate. Some of the representatives were looking at you and wondering if it took you eight years because you were dumb,"

"I graduated with a 3.8 grade-point average," Stevenson said.

Other representatives shared the viewpoint that working through college was not a bad thing.

"Well, if they think Rep. Stevenson is dumb for taking eight years, they will think I'm really stupid for taking 30 years." said Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin). "I took sometime off in between to raise my kids and run a business."

"The answer to everything is not a tax increase,' said Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin).

"One of the biggest problems is MU is like a spoiled child and thinks it needs to have everything. A lot of the state schools are treated like red-headed step. children."

No final decision was made.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

College celebrates Virginia Alice Cottey

Cottey College alumnae gathered on campus and in Nevada for their annual Founder's Day weekend celebration April 2-4. As part of the annual festivities, the Cottey College Alumnae Association provided a fireworks display on the south athletics field behind Robertson Hall.

Founder's Day is celebrated each year in late March or early April. The observance began while the College's founder, Virginia Alice Cottey, was alive. It was originally a celebration of her birthday on March 27. Today, alumnae return to visit their alma mater, attend special events and renew friendships.

U.S. News ranks SLU top in health law

In the *U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools* 2005 issue, the Saint Louis University School of Law Center for Health Law Studies was ranked as the top health care law program in the country.

Established in 1982, the Center for Health Law Studies features an internationally recognized faculty, who, in addition to teaching the health law curriculum, author leading treatises and casebooks, publish award-winning law review articles and are often quoted on health law issues by the nation's leading news outlets.

The Center also publishes the *Journal of Health Law* in cooperation with the American Health Lawyers Association. Each year, 30 to 40 law school graduates complete a certificate in health law.

The School of Law continues garnering national recognition, ranking 82nd in the *U.S. News* listing of the country's top 173 law schools, a significant rise in the magazine's law school rankings.

Southeast Missouri hears organ recital

The Department of Music at Southeast Missouri State University and the Southern Illinois Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present guest organ soloist Dr. Anita Eggert Werling at 7:30 p.m., April 16, in Old St. Vincent's Church in Cape Girardeau.

She will perform works from J.S. Bach, Franck and Litazie, among others.

Werling is a professor of music at Western Illinois University in Macomb, where she teaches organ and music history.

Her degrees in organ are from Northwestern University and the University of Michigan. As a concert organist, Werling has performed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Among her special interests are the music of Bach, 20th century French repertoire and music of women composers. She won the Gruenstein National Organ Playing Competition and received critical acclaim for her recording of the 19th and 20th century French organ music on the organ of Central Congregational Church in Galesburg, Ill.

SMSU library opens area Jewish archives

The Southwest Missouri State University library established first Ozarks Jewish archives.

Duane G. Meyer Library and *Ozark Watch* magazine will co-host an open house reception to honor the establishment of the Ozarks Jewish Archives at Meyer Library.

The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. April 21 in the library's special collections and archives department, Room 306.

It will feature a showing of the film *Home, Community, Tradition: The Women of Temple Israel* at 6 p.m.

The program is a collaboration by *Ozark Watch* and the SMSU library.

Coaches bring knife to gunfight

I think somewhere there is a class for aspiring coaches on how to talk to the press.

It has to be hidden somewhere in the schedule book, because everyone would want to take the class. I'm serious about this. If you had interviewed as many coaches as I have, then you know that writing sports is the easiest thing in the world.

Philip Martin
Executive Editor

All you really have to do is write the first story and the next story follows the same format with the exact same quotes. The only thing that changes is the scores and stats from the game.

How many times have you read a sports story or watched a coach talk on the news about a game and wonder, "Did he say that last week?"

Chances are the coach did say that exact same quote last week, but this week he changed the wording in it.

Coaches are great for quotes. Coach speak is one of the greatest things in the world. In fact, these quotes can be used in everyday life just to confuse some people. It's a lot of fun just to see the look on people's faces when you start talking about a person being a "man-child."

Let me give you an example of coach speak used in everyday life. Say you're talking to a group of incoming freshmen, and they ask about advice for their time in college. You could say, "Well, there are going to be times when people are going to challenge your manhood. And you better not take a knife to a gunfight, because once the bullets start flying, you have to be a man up front."

This coach speak is something that can only be taught in a classroom. Some other good quotes, and these can come from any coach really, are: "We have to take our 'A' game," or "The (insert sport here) season is more of a marathon, than a sprint."

Oh, really coach. Tell us more. "We'll just take it one game at a time."

I'm telling you there has got to be a class somewhere for this. If I'm wrong then I didn't bring my 'A' game.

Philip Martin is the Executive Editor for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Shari Gates, freshman third baseman, is congratulated by her teammates after a successful inning during the April 1 game against Northeastern State University. The Lions split the games against NSU, 4-3 and 1-2.

Team looks to win on road

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On April 6, the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners softball team swept Missouri Southern Lions in two games, winning both 1-0.

Southern had two hits and three errors in the first game at UMR, and the Lions had two hits and one error in the second game.

Amy Schneider, sophomore pitcher, threw for 5 1/3 innings, giving up five hits and earning one strike out. Callie Stanford, sophomore pitcher, took Schneider's place for two-thirds of an inning but was not able to earn a save.

In the second game, Stanford pitched six innings, giving up five hits, one error and striking out four batters.

Southern has a record of 18-16 for the season and 3-3 for the MIAA.

The Lions will play Central Missouri State University at 3 p.m. Friday in Warrensburg. On Saturday, they will travel for a 1 p.m. start with Truman State University in Kirksville.

Lions sprint to compete in nationals

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

On March 1-2 at the Florida State Relays in Tallahassee, Fla., the women's outdoor track and field team started out its season.

The Lions came out of the meet with five provisional qualifiers and one automatic qualifier for the national outdoor track and field meet May 27-29 in Pomona, Calif.

"The Florida State meet was a very good meet for us," said Patty Vavra, women's head coach. "We got a chance to enjoy each others company, and at the same time, when it was time to go to work, the young ladies went to work."

The Lions have five people qualified to compete in eight events at the national level on the season, including one automatic bid. Mary Still, senior, gained the automatic in the 400-meter hurdles and a provisional in the 200-meter sprint.

Danee Jones, junior, has provisional marks in the discus, shot-put and hammer throws, Ashley Caffey, junior, has a provisional in 5,000-meter run; Jen Noelken, senior, in the 3,000-meter steeple chase; and Dionne Prince, sophomore, in the triple jump.

The Lions are pleased with the way the season has unfolded but also know they need to keep improving if they want to win the MIAA championship.

"We've been very pleased with our performance in the outdoor season up to this point," Vavra said. "We have had some pretty good performances early in the season, and that's really given us a chance to train over the last couple of weeks."

Next up for the Lions is the John McDonnell Invitational on Friday and Saturday, hosted by the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. The team is looking forward to the competition at the meet and to know where they are at, competitively, at the meet.

"I think that the next two weeks will tell us where the team is at," Vavra said. "I consider these first three weeks the opening part of the outdoor season. Our focus is still on trying to improve every week, but I've been very pleased with the first part of the season."

Six outdoor track, field athletes qualify for California meet

Team works toward conference meet goal

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

Three meets into its outdoor season, the Missouri Southern men's track and field team is feeling confident right where the team wants to be.

Conditioning is one of those areas.

They will be prepared to "peak" at the appropriate time.

The Lions also note there are a few areas they need to work on improving.

"We are having a pretty good outdoor season," said Tom Rutledge, head coach. "Our strength is in the distance and field events. Our sprinters are looking OK. We look good for 55 meters."

Rutledge said at the University of Missouri-Columbia meet, the team "could run with anybody for 55 or 60 meters, and then they would pull away from us."

He said one of the reasons is because the team members have not practiced on the outdoor track yet and need to "stretch our legs on out."

"We're struggling a little in our sprints right now," said Moses Manga, sophomore sprinter. "But we will improve."

One of the goals of the team is "to keep on improving until the conference meet, and then peak and win the conference," said Justin Juline, freshman jumper.

The team already has six people qualified to compete in seven events at the national meet on May 27-29 in Pomona, Calif.

"We already have several people qualified," Rutledge said. "Most of them will get in."

The list includes Mika Alahaivala, junior javelin thrower, and Matt Campbell, sophomore pole vaulter, both of whom have gained automatic bids to the national meet, meaning they are guaranteed a spot in the competition.

Both are also currently ranked first in the nation in their respective events.

The success of these individuals has given the team more than just public notoriety.

"It builds up our confidence," Juline said.

"We have several other guys pushing to get into nationals," Rutledge said. "If you can get 10 people at the national meet, then you have a chance to be ranked in the top four in the nation."

The Lions have also had several players achieve MIAA player of the week honors.

Campbell, Alahaivala and Brian Lyons, senior distance runner, have been presented with the award this season.

This is the second time Lyons has been honored as player of the week.

LION STATS

Baseball

April 6 Results — Game 1

SBU (0)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Beal	4	0	2	0
Miller	3	0	2	0
Hines	2	0	0	0
Stark	4	0	2	0
Gilstrap	4	0	0	0
Dunn	3	0	0	0
Powers	3	0	2	0
Wilkins	2	0	1	0
Dziurawiec	3	0	0	0
Osborne	0	0	0	0
Cutler	0	0	0	0
Facteau	0	0	0	0

MSSU (6)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Velliquette	4	0	1	1
Schiller	4	1	1	0
Hughes	4	0	1	0
Knight	0	1	0	0
Hergenrother	3	1	0	0
Taylor	2	1	2	1
Molden	1	1	0	0
J. Lawver	3	1	1	2
L. Lawver	3	1	1	2
Bronson	2	0	1	0
Rogers	0	0	0	0

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Softball

April 6 Results — Game 1

MSSU (0)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Weston	2	0	0	0
Reed	2	1	1	0
Woolard	3	0	0	0
Bowen	3	1	0	0
Jennings	3	1	0	0
Parsons	3	1	1	0
Gates	3	1	0	0
Gfeller	1	1	0	0
Hodson	2	1	0	0
Schneider	0	0	0	0
Stanford	0	0	0	0

UMR (1)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI
Borgmeyer	3	0	1	0
Balke	2	0	0	0
Meitz	3	0	0	0
Maggard	3	0	2	0
Johnson	0	1	0	0
E. Butler	3	0	1	0
Pittroff	1	0	0	1
Fugiel	3	0	0	0
S. Butler	1	0	0	0
Zaitz	1	0	1	0
Wagner	1	0	0	0
Deken	0	0	0	0

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UMR	000	001	X

Tennis

April 4 Results against Northwest Missouri State University

NWMSU (5)	MSSU (4)
Women's Singles	
Rosa Tapia, NWMSU d. Sheryl Posch, MSSU, 6-2, 6-0	
Gena Lindsey, NWMSU d. Lacey McMunn, MSSU, 6-1, 6-3	
Barb Gombosi, MSSU d. Sara Lipira, NWMSU, 7-5, 6-2	
Kim McMunn, MSSU d. Jan Pendrak, NWMSU, 6-1, 7-5	
Raven Herner, NWMSU d. Kristen Meschede, MSSU, 6-1, 6-2	
Danielle Cartier, NWMSU d. Amy Stredney, MSSU, 6-3, 6-2	
Doubles	
Tapia, Lindsey, NWMSU d. Posch, L. McMunn, MSSU, 8-0	
Gombosi, K. McMunn, MSSU d. Lipira, Herner, NWMSU, 8-6	
Meschede, Stredney, MSSU d. Pendrek, Cartier, NWMSU, 8-3	

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